

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 5-10, and 12 have been amended to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants believe the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Dinh for the courteous telephone interview extended to Applicants' counsel, Chun-Pok Leung, on November 22, 2005. During the telephone interview, the Examiner and counsel discussed the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to consistently recite "write or read" instead of "write/read," "writing and reading" instead of "writing/reading," and "input or output" instead of "input/output." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 1-12 if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe claims 1-12 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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